

**INITIATIVE
AGENDA**

**43rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DENVER, COLORADO
SEPTEMBER 11-14, 1961**

DENVER MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

**JOINT OPENING SESSION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1961

8:30 a.m.	Concert	National Championship Band: Harwood Post No. 5 Joliet, Illinois
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Wm. R. Burke (California) National Commander
	Advancement of Colors	National Championship Color Guard, Commonwealth Edison Post No. 118 Chicago, Illinois
	Star Spangled Banner	National Championship Chorus Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	Invocation	Rev. Wm. H. Moss (Tennessee) National Chaplain
	Call for Convention	Emil A. Blackmore (Wyoming) National Adjutant
9:30 a.m.	Address of Welcome:	
	Honorable Steve McNichols Governor of Colorado	
	Honorable Richard Y. Batterton Mayor of Denver	
	Earl Franklin Immediate Past Commander Department of Colorado	
	Will F. Nicholson, President 1961 American Legion Convention Corporation	
10:00 a.m.	Response to Addresses of Welcome	Martin B. McKeeally (New York) Past National Commander
10:15 a.m.	NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE	
	Invocation	Dr. Tom Clark Past National Chaplain (Okla.)
	Invocation - "There is No Death"	National Championship Chorus Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	Memorial Address	Rev. Wm. H. Moss (Tennessee) National Chaplain
	Lighting of Convention Peace Candle	
	Benediction	
	Taps	

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1961 - Continued**10:45 a.m. Report of National Commander William R. Burke****11:00 a.m. GREETINGS:**

Mrs. Henry H. Abemiller (Washington)
National President, American Legion Auxiliary

Dr. George K. C. Yeh
Ambassador of the Republic of China

Elvie J. Stahr, Jr.,
Secretary of the Army

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Ewald Turner
President, N E A

Introduction of Guests**11:30 a.m. Presentation: Secretary of the Navy's Meritorious Public Service Award**

By: Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr
Chief of Naval Operations

To: National Commander Wm. R. Bur

11:35 a.m. Presentation:

By: Mr. Wm. F. McGlozz, Secretary
Board of Directors
American Heart Association

To: National Commander Wm. R. Bur

11:45 a.m. Presentation of Representatives of American Legion Youth Programs:**Oratorical Contest Winner -- Robert J. O'Connell (New York)****Eagle Scout -- John C. Sulerud, Jr. (Minn.)****President, Boys Nation -- Jefferson J. Jervis (Texas)****The American Legion Baseball Player of the Year****12:15 p.m. Presentation of National Membership Contest Winners:****Introduction of Utah District Commander Arden Stuart****12:40 p.m. Presentation of The A.L.'s 1961 Independent Newspaper Publisher's Award**

By: National Commander Burke

To: Mr. Palmer Hoyt, Publisher,
the Denver Post

12:50 p.m. Presentation of The American Legion Fourth Estate Awards

By: National Commander Burke

To: Mr. Jack R. Howard, President
Scripps-Howard Newspapers

Mr. Jack L. Warner, President
Warner Brothers Pictures

1:00 p.m. Address

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States

1:30 p.m. REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Credentials and Internal Organization

Legislation and Rules

1:45 p.m. Salute to Colors

Recess

7:00 p.m. National Commander Burke's Dinner to Distinguished Guests

Place: Grand Ballroom, Denver Hilton Hotel

Address: Honorable Richard M. Nixon

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Wm. E. Burke (California)
National Commander

Salute to Colors

Invocation

Rev. Wm. H. Jacob (Tennessee)
National Chaplain**REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

9:15 a.m.

Constitutional Amendments

9:30 a.m.

Finance

9:45 a.m.

Child Welfare

10:00 a.m.

Presentation

By

Mr. Hugh J. McGivern, Dominion
President, Army, Navy and Air
Force Veterans in Canada

To

National Commander Wm. E. Burke

10:05 a.m.

Presentation by Earl H. Shackelford

State Director
U. S. Savings Bonds Div., State of
Mo.
U. S. Treasury Department

10:10 a.m.

Presentation of Medalion to the City of Miami Beach
the City in which the 1960 National Convention was held

Presentation by:

J. Addington Wagner (Michigan)
Past National Commander

Response by:

Lawrence E. Hoffman (Florida)

10:25 a.m.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

10:30 a.m.

Report of Program Study Committee

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE

10:45 a.m.

Americanism

11:15 a.m.

Rehabilitation

11:45 a.m.

Foreign Relations

12:15 p.m.

Address

Major General Ralph M. Osborne
Deputy Commander
United States Fourth Army

12:45 p.m.

Presentation Wm. Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By

National Commander Wm. E. Burke

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE

12:50 p.m.

Economics

Employment and Veterans Preference

Other Economic Matters

1:15 p.m.

Salute to Colors

Recess

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